

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 485

By Kurita

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Roy and Verda Napier
on the celebration of their 50th wedding
anniversary.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the elected representatives of the state of Tennessee should
recognize citizens who are celebrating milestones in their venerable lives; and

WHEREAS, Roy and Verda Napier will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on
March 6, 1998, an occasion which will be commemorated with great joy in remembering the
past, giving thanks for the present and eagerly anticipating the future; and

WHEREAS, Roy L. Napier met Miss Verda Patterson in Cincinnati, Ohio in 1946; upon
being introduced to the then, Miss Patterson, Mr. Napier described it as "love at first sight"; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Napier, who was in Cincinnati because of work, informed Miss
Patterson at once that she would be his bride-to-be and in return she responded, "Oh, I don't
think so"; and

WHEREAS, on March 6, 1948, the Napiers were joined in holy matrimony, and since
then this couple's blessed union produced two sons, Roy Lee, Jr. and Gary; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Napier is a World War II veteran and has worked in the printing industry;
Mrs. Napier has been a homemaker throughout her married life, in addition to being active in
community work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Napier says that he has never viewed marriage as a chore or obligation,
and after fifty years he would get married all over again; and

WHEREAS, the Napiers have five grandchildren and one great-grandson; and

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WHEREAS, as they complete their fifth decade together as husband and wife, the Napiers still attend community gatherings as their health permits; and

WHEREAS, the members of this body find it appropriate to pause in their deliberations to specially recognize one of Tennessee's finest couples; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Roy and Verda Napier on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for many happy returns.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.